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Mr. Richard Procunier, H-6-2  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Subject: Site Inspection Report, Johns-Manville Coalinga Mill Area Site,  
Fresno County, California

Dear Dick:

Levine·Fricke·Recon (LFR) is submitting this letter to document conditions observed during a visit conducted at the Johns-Manville Coalinga Mill Area Site on April 15, 1997. A periodic inspection was conducted by the Site Caretaker on December 21, 1996 which indicated that no significant damage had occurred since the periodic inspection on June 28, 1996. This site visit was conducted by LFR in response to concerns that were noted during your site inspection on February 27, 1997.

Since the periodic inspection of December 1996, an erosion feature had developed along the edge of the relocated access road near the former location of the decontamination trailer. Our observations determined that the cause of this erosion feature was the accumulation of stormwater runoff along upgradient portions of the access road. The erosion feature had caused some undermining of several of the access control fence posts. At this time, none of the posts have been damaged and the fence is intact, although one post has developed a slight lean from exposure of the concrete footing. Since there is no further threat to the fence expected before the start of next seasons heavy rains, the Site Caretaker has scheduled repair of this damage for mid-May when the necessary equipment becomes available. In addition to repairing the existing damage, the cause will also be corrected by providing several upgradient locations for accumulated stormwater to exit the access road. This will prevent future occurrences of fence damage. We will submit a letter documenting the repairs following completion.

Other Site conditions were observed to be in good condition. No engineering systems showed signs of damage that would threaten the integrity of the remediation. Although the area has received little rain in 1997, there is noticeable new growth of various plants within the cross canyon channel, the upper tailing pile area, and in the former Mill area. Revegetated areas of the tailings pile slope show some signs of the stress due to climatic conditions common to the area, but present a significant improvement over the previously denuded conditions. Included with this letter are photographs taken during this site visit that show development of planted areas throughout the Site.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (714) 955-1390.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David L. Parks", with a stylized, flowing script.

David L. Parks, P.E.  
Senior Civil Engineer

Enclosures

cc: Frank Lopez, California Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Ron Anderson, Ecology and Environment, Inc.





**VEGETATION NEAR BRIDGE**



**EAST END OF DIVERSION CHANNEL**





**DIVERSION CHANNEL LOOKIN EAST**





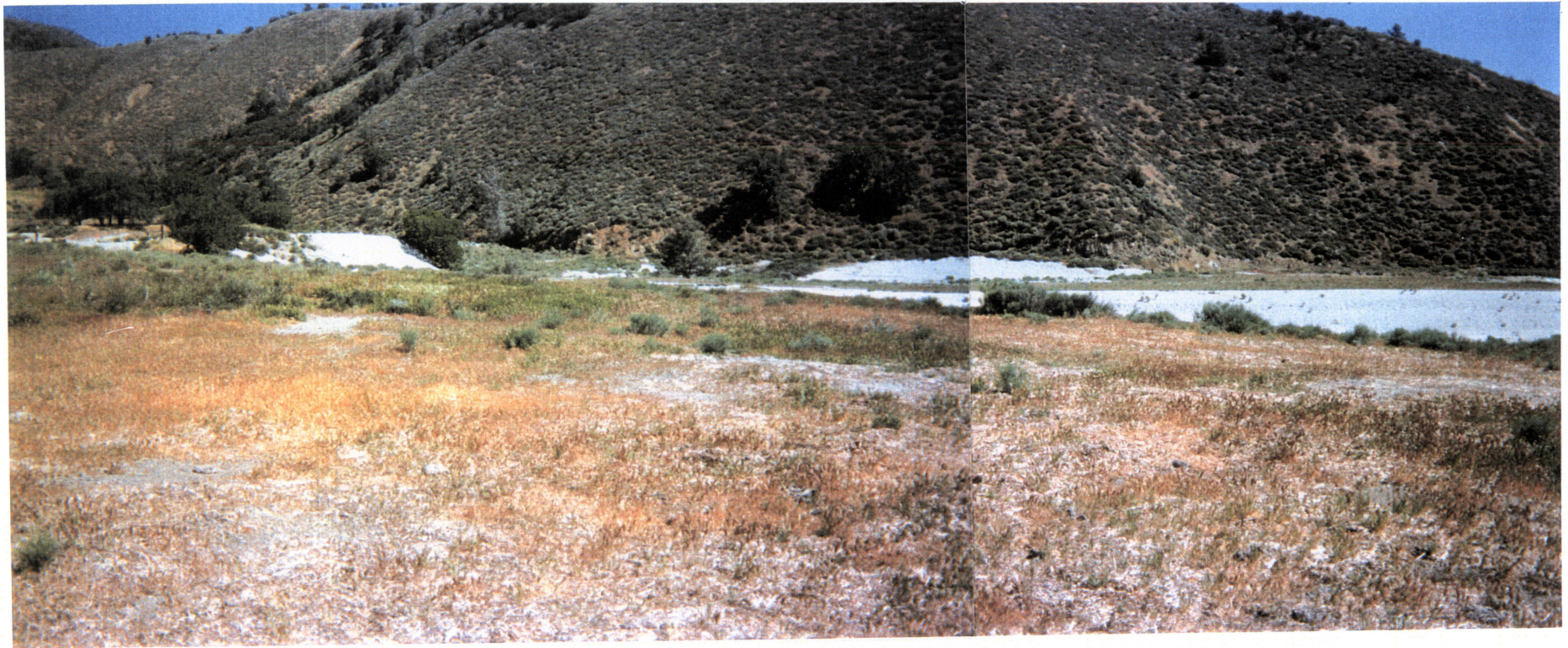
**FORMER MILL AREA LOOKING SOUTH**





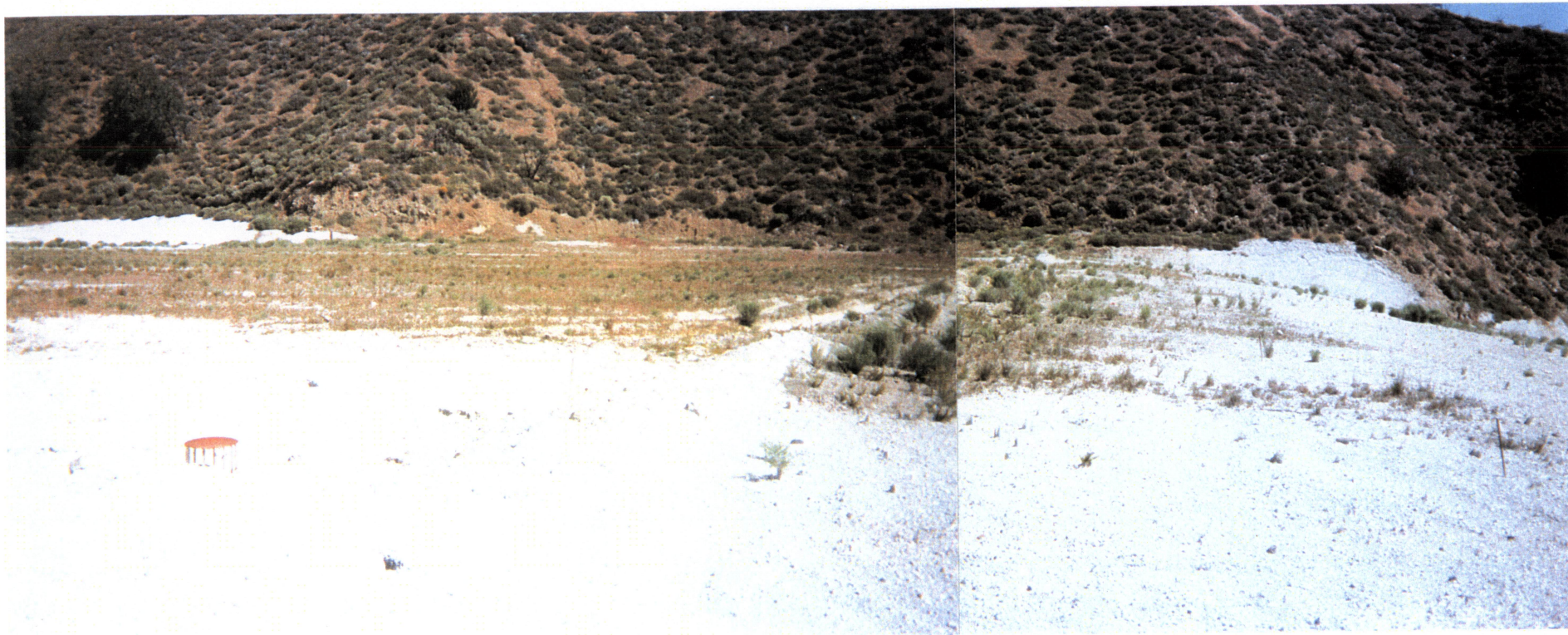
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**FORMER MILL AREA LOOKING EAST**





**UPPER SLOPE OF TAILINGS PILE**